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Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 ff.

Attached is a copy of each of four (4) references that are believed relevant to the present application, as well as a Form PTO 1449 identifying each of the four references.

Reference AO is cited and discussed in the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 7 of the present application.

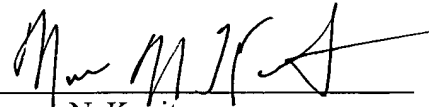
Reference AE and AN are cited and discussed in the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 18 of the present application.

The relevance of reference AF can be seen from the English translation of the abstract of this laid open patent application.

As all requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 ff, and all official guidelines pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements, have been complied with, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner

consider the enclosed references, make them of record and enclose an appropriately initialed copy of the enclosed PTO Form 1449 with the initial Office action.

Respectfully submitted,

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